

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/577,887 Confirmation No.: 2241
Applicant : Bahaa Botros Seedhom et al.
Title : SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR USE IN THE
IMPLANTATION OF TISSUE REPAIR KIT
Filed : November 22, 2006
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Examiner : Larry E. Waggle Jr.
Docket No. : 7881.15
Customer No. : 21999

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of July 21, 2009. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months) is submitted to extend the response deadline until December 21, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.